

Name Adrienne Adams

Graduation year 1932

Today's date: July 25 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

A Liking for athletics and having the opportunity of a career in that field.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

University in Toronto

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Septmber Camp at Tanamaboon

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

None come to mind - One however has come to mind i.e. Anatomy classes at UofT with cadavers

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Being awarded the Gold Medal

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

See question IV

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Miss Somers as I recall did not teach or interfere with day to day classes or be a well known person to me.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

My parents paid for my tuition etc and I believe most students were also backed by parents but I don't recall discussions.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

I was pres. of alumnae for a few years and am still closely in touch with classmates and have had many reunions.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

2 years at Ontario Ladies College & Whilly Part time at Haverhill College and Sick Childrens Probationary nurses.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

no.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

A. Your year of birth: 1919

B. Your country of birth: Canada

C. Country of mother's birth: Canada

D. Country of father's birth: Canada

E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Housewife - Graduate of

Father's occupation: Sect Treasurer Brazilian Tractor

F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto

Province: Ontario Country: Canada

G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Havergal College -

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13

Was this a private or public school? Private

H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1941

Married to: (name) Edgar R. Lea

Occupation of husband when married: Sales British American Oil

XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

Name Gwen Baalim

Today's date: Aug. 11/91
July 25 1991

Graduation year 1939 it is not too late
Lorry I had too many visitors this summer - grandchildren etc. & couldn't get at the hope

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

In retrospect, when I was 18 yrs old I think I wanted a shorter course rather than the 4 years at McGill University - no doubt wanting to move on to recreation work quickly

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Nursing - Physiotherapy

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Mingling with girls from all over Canada and of course "Shiga" from Japan. Residence life after adjustments - musical evenings with Wm Mc Lennan at the piano. Learning skills of teaching - not performing

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Fear of failing - having to make up for subjects (e.g. Anatomy) during summer at home. Homesickness the first year probably contributed to above problem.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Discovering how to control a class at practice teaching periods. Camp Tarenakoon was a highlight.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

As mentioned in item IV above.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Miss Lomers was very inspiring as were many of the teachers. Miss Layton in the post office was very kind and motherly.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I think most were paid by parent - in the 1930's jobs were not there - also I recall my father saying it was wrong to take jobs from others

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

The class of '39 has the best record for reunions - every 5 years - we also correspond and have a letter circulating continually

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

I taught sewing and actinety classes school for retarded children.

Organized "Keep Fit" classes for adult women.

Was an Alderman in Kelowna B.C. 5 yrs. starting with recreation & moving on to other portfolios

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

London
Attended University Western Ontario for short stint in Psychology but did not complete courses. My hours at Y.W.C.A. were too demanding.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 19
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Isle of Wight - England
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: Home maker
- Father's occupation: Automobile (G.M.) agency & wholesale auto parts.
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: Lethbridge
- Province: Alberta Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- Lethbridge Collegiate Institute
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12
- Was this a private or public school? Public
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 42
- Married to: (name) George A. Holland
- Occupation of husband when married: Corrugated Box Industries
- In 1942 he was in Canadian Army. Deceased 1974.

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

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Name Joan Brown

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: July 30 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

I was sent there by my parents because sports
were the only thing which apparently interested me.
I do not recall being consulted in the matter!

II. What alternatives did you consider?

See above.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Camp experiences rank high. Beyond
that - the general good fellowship among
like-minded girls. Residence life was much
more fun than living with a married aunt!!

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Worrying about not being able to graduate
with my class - some of my marks
were very close to the line!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

I enjoyed all the physical courses -
in general the academic ones also, but
did not work very hard at them I'm
afraid.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Swimming exams! Classes were on Friday!
"date night"! - no hair dryers in those days,
so I skipped class whenever I could think up excuses!

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

- day care mean Staff? Miss Somers was remote and
authoritarian. In general, the Staff was/were good.
Especially - Miss Wardley - a real mentor.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I have no idea.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Our particular class is outstanding in keeping
re-unions regularly - with very high attendance
from the U.S., Mauritius, the West - once from Japan!

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Work at the Central Neighbourhood House
in Toronto. Also - camp counsellor.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

A short stint (under a year) at nursing
training at Toronto General Hospital (left because
of ill-health - I suspected) Why? - I was
engaged to a Meds. student!

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 19
B. Your country of birth: Canada
C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
D. Country of father's birth: Canada
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Housewife
Father's occupation: Physician

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Fort St. John
Province: B.C. Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Junior Matric at Haverford, Toronto - Partial Session
Matric by correspondence with Fort St. John
What grade (level) did you complete at this school? Seventh

Was this a private or public school? Haverford - private

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 44

Married to: (name) Norman H. Hickey

Occupation of husband when married: Physician

Produced 7 children.

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Very much

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

Don't know any others. I'm afraid
no - Isabel Breen was no relation
as far as I know.

Good luck on your thesis

Joan Hickey



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